STATE OF IOWA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:

IOWA COUNTY E-9-1-1 BOARD,

Complainant,

VS.

SOUTH SLOPE COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY,

Respondent.

DOCKET NO. FCU-02-12

ORDER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING PROCEEDING

(Issued September 30, 2002)

On September 17, 2002, pursuant to the Utilities Board's (Board's)

Order Denying Motion to Dismiss issued on August 30, 2002, Board staff met with representatives from the Iowa County E-9-1-1 Board (Iowa County) and South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company (South Slope) in an attempt to facilitate a settlement between the parties. To allow sufficient time for the parties to determine the appropriateness of settlement options discussed at the September 17, 2002, meeting, the Board will temporarily suspend these proceedings. The parties shall indicate to the Board whether an appropriate settlement has been reached on or before October 15, 2002. In the event a settlement cannot be negotiated by

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October 15, 2002, the Board will set a procedural schedule for the continuation of this proceeding.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

These proceedings are temporarily suspended as described in the body of this order.

	UTILITIES BOARD
	/s/ Diane Munns
ATTEST:	/s/ Mark O. Lambert
/s/ Judi K. Cooper Executive Secretary	/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 30th day of September, 2002.